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RESPONSE AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Sir:

In an Office Action dated October 25, 2004, claims 1-12, all of the claims in the above-identified U.S. patent application, were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-10 of commonly owned U.S. Patent No. 6,326,029. In response thereto, Applicants are submitting a terminal disclaimer, obviating the obviousness-type double patenting rejection. In view of the accompanying terminal disclaimer, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-12 is respectfully requested.

Applicants submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and favorable action are earnestly requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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